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¶1. (S) Econoff delivered talking points in reftel to Bernardo Mota, Chief of Staff of the Brazilian financial intelligence unit (COAF), on December 14. Mota said that Brazil is fully compliant with UNSCR 1803 and that he is unaware of any presence or economic activity in the country by any Iranian bank, including the Export Development Bank of Iran (EDBI). He said that he would pass on the United States' concerns regarding EDBI's attempts to find new markets to the appropriate contacts at the Brazilian Central Bank.

¶2. (S) Mota also opined that Brazil "shot itself in the foot" by hosting Iranian President Ahmadinejad in November. Ricardo Pires Ribeiro, Desk Director for Iran and Central Asia at the Ministry of Exterior Relations, told Poloff in October that they were negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Banks of Iran and Brazil, but later said the MOU was no longer being considered. Mota did not comment on the specific negotiations, but said the understanding of COAF and the Central Bank is that any such MOU would violate Brazil's obligations under the Financial Action Task Force and UN frameworks.
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